

# MARICOPA COUNTY HEALTH CODE

## CHAPTER XI

### ANIMALS

#### SECTION 1

##### **REGULATION 1. General**

- a. Cattle, horses, sheep, goats, dogs, cats, birds, fowl, and any other animal or bird, and the pens, stalls, stables, yards, shelters, cages, areas, places and premises where they are held or kept, shall be so kept and maintained that flies, insects, or vermin, rodent harborage, odors, ponded water, the accumulation of manure, garbage, refuse or other noxious material do not become a public health nuisance.
- b. Manure and droppings shall be removed from pens, stables, yards, cages and other enclosures at least twice weekly and handled or disposed of in an approved manner free of health hazard or public health nuisance.
- c. Mound storage of droppings or manure will be permitted only under such conditions as to protect against the breeding of flies and to prevent migration of fly larvae (maggots) into the surrounding soil.
- d. Watering troughs or tanks shall be provided, which shall be equipped with adequate facilities for draining the overflow, so as to prevent the ponding of water, the breeding of flies, mosquitoes or other insects, or a health hazard.
- e. No putrescible material shall be allowed to accumulate on any premises, and all such material used as feed which is unconsumed shall be removed daily and disposed of by burial or other approved means.
- f. A dead domestic or farm animal shall be buried or disposed of in a sanitary manner within 72 hours after its death or after the department has been notified of its existence, whichever is longer.

##### **REGULATION 2. Piggeries**

- a. No pigsty or piggery shall be built or maintained on marshy ground or land subject to overflow, nor within 200 feet of any stream, canal, or other source of water supply, nor within 300 feet of an inhabited house or occupied building on an adjoining property.
- b. No pigs may be kept within the corporate limits of any city or town in Maricopa County.

- c. Feed troughs shall be provided for the feeding of vegetables, meat scraps, or garbage, and such feeding shall be done exclusively in containers or on an impervious platform.
- d. Unslaked lime, hypochlorite of lime, borax or mineral oil shall be used daily in sufficient quantities to prevent offensive odors and the breeding of flies.
- e. No organic material furnishing food for flies shall be allowed to accumulate on the premise.

### **REGULATION 3. Skunks and Raccoons**

No skunk or raccoon shall be sold, bartered, exchanged or be given as a gift to be kept within Maricopa County. Exceptions shall be a bona fide publicly or privately owned zoological park, or circus, or any other show where animals are exhibited but are not in physical contact with the public, or by scientific or educational institutions, or the use of such animals in fur farming.